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Communists Invade US Embassy

Leighton Stuart Recalled

Nanking, Apr. 25.—Twelve Communist soldiers invaded the United States Embassy today and entered the bedroom of Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart.

The Communists entered the building at 6.45 a.m. and, after visiting the kitchen to question a number of Chinese and foreigners employed in the house, asked the whereabouts of the Ambassador. They proceeded upstairs where he was lying half awake. They pointed to the things in Dr. Stuart's bedroom and said, "These will soon belong to the people."

The Communists also visited the room of the Embassy Secretary, Edward Anderson, in a building of the large structure within the residential compound of Shanghai Road. They asked the gatekeeper how many foreigners and Chinese were inside and left.

Dr. Stuart, who speaks fluent Chinese, has one of the best collections of Chinese art treasures which he amassed during his many years in this country as educator and missionary. The walls of the Embassy are hung with priceless scrolls, some of them thousands of years old. Valuable Chinese curios are displayed on tables and wall racks.

VIGOROUS PROTEST

Washington, Apr. 25.—The State Department today instructed its Military Attaché in Nanking to lodge a "vigorous protest" with the Chinese Communist military authorities against the violation of the American Ambassador's residence there earlier today.

The State Department confirmed press reports that the Ambassador's home had been violated and gave details of the Chinese Communist action as they were received in telegrams from the American Embassy in Nanking.

The State Department said today that Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, American Ambassador to China, has been ordered home for consultation.

EDITORIAL

A View On The Future

HONGKONG views the developments along the Yangtze and in the direction of South China anxiously, but calmly. The Communist military successes bring a full turn to the cycle of internal strife which first assumed a political complexion in 1927 with Chiang Kai-shek's drive to Shanghai against the Dorodin-influenced Reds. For 22 years the Nationalists have been accepted by foreign Powers as the *de jure* government of China, but today that authority is, apparently, about to be wrested from them. As governors of the nation, the Nationalists exist in name only, for on their own showing they cannot physically exist elsewhere than in Canton, or even more ineffectually, in Taiwan. It is the realities of the situation which make Hongkong a little anxious. The Communists, as a political force, are unknown. True, they have announced a very generalised internal policy aimed at correcting the defects of the KMT-guided administration, but whether that will prove to be a cure or merely a palliative remains to be seen. Even more obscure is the Communists' policy concerning third powers. Their propaganda service has given somewhat vociferous lip service to Russia's anti-Western attitude, at times going out of its way to emphasise the ideological ties between them and the Kremlin. Nevertheless there is no evidence that the Chinese Reds have attempted anything approaching an all-out Communist economic, social and financial policy on the Soviet pattern, and the non-military conditions contained in Mao Tse-tung's 24-point peace offer to the Nationalists were only mildly revolutionary compared with what has been imposed on other countries during the past quarter of a century.

On the question of successfully introducing and making effective its internal policies, the Communists obviously must depend upon the goodwill and willing co-operation of the people. Coercion might superficially bring about the desired results, but in the long run this would be boomerang and China would still be denied that peace and prosperity which is so essential to the nation. It is, therefore, with the interests of the Chinese masses at heart, that Hongkong is anxious about the outcome of the current situation. It remains calm because there is no genuine reason for being otherwise. It must await the end of the civil war and the Communists' foreign policy and the Communist relations with its next-door neighbour. And whether these become difficult and acrimonious depends entirely on the Communists. It can be said now that any underground attempts to usurp the rightful powers of the Colony's Government, or to inflict deliberately-agitated problems on the Colony, will be firmly resisted. Hongkong cannot permit itself to become a breeding ground for disaffection created by the Communists and neither can it allow its normal life, and the safety of its inhabitants and their property to be compromised. We expect the new Government of China, whether it be wholly Communist, or quasi-Communist, to devote itself to the problems of China: that is a gigantic enough task for any administration. Hongkong can, and will help to make a peaceful and prosperous China a reality, but it will tolerate neither agitators, saboteurs nor rebels, no matter whom they purport to represent. If this is clearly comprehended now, it may save a lot of misunderstanding later.

The Battle For Soochow Begins

LAKE CITY BECOMES AN ARMED CAMP

Bandits Join The Reds

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—The battle of Soochow has begun and preliminary skirmishes occurred seven miles northwest between the redeployed Nationalists and the Communist columns driving down from Chinkiang.

At 9 a.m. a telephone report from Mr. Chen, the editor of the daily, Soo Pao, to the United Press said that artillery and machine-gun fire was heard throughout the night and died down at 8 a.m., but was still sporadic at 9 a.m.

The Lake City, which two days ago was undefended and open to the Communists, is now an armed camp of the Nationalist Army under General Ku Hsi-chu.

Gates were closed and troops were stationed on their positions for an assault. The initial clash occurred at Hsutzekwei which with Shinan are twin towns seven miles northwest of Soochow on the rail line.

The strength of the Communist attack was not known but it was learned that they had been reinforced by Soochow Lake bandits of several thousand strong under the bandit general, Hsi Yun-hwei, who for months has been operating guerrillas around Soochow. Editor Chen said that Hsi Yun-hwei was known to have several thousand armed men.

CONFINED TO CITY

A huge fire in the direction of Shinan broke out at mid-night and burned during most of the night but residents in Soochow were not allowed to go out of the city.

The editor said, "The city is resigned, there is no escape now. Three days ago we thought there would be no battle in Soochow, but it has begun."

Although actual information was fragmentary, mostly speculative, it appeared that the Chinese Communists were consolidating their forces in order to form a solid front line extending from Hsuzi on the Yangtze, a short distance from

SETTING A TRAP

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Chinese Communists slashed through the rain 10 miles Northwest of Shanghai last night but secrecy covered their major manoeuvre aimed at trapping 300,000 government troops against the sea south of this city.

The U.S. Consulate warned American citizens that the U.S. Navy planned to move from its Shanghai anchorage to avoid involvement in the civil war, and that if they wanted to go on board they must do so quickly. There was no large response from the nearly 2,500 Americans in Shanghai.

THE KEY POINT

Kashang, normally famous only for its production of the ancient eggs beloved by Chinese epicures, is the key of the trap operation. It is on the Grand Canal and is the junction of the Shanghai-Hangchow railway and of a line that runs North to intersect the Shanghai-Nanking railway at Soochow (Wuhsien).

If the Communists are at Kashang, they reached it down the Soochow railway.

The Shanghai Command declared that trains through Kashang to and from Hangchow were still operating.

Hangchow, 124 miles by rail Southwest of Shanghai, is the seaport and rail base upon which the Nationalist troops long have been expected to fall back for a new defence or retreat farther South.

One train did arrive from the South after Kashang was reported to have fallen, but it could have left before such a development. Passengers said Hangchow was full of Communist troops, so it could be that a considerable government withdrawal to the point already has succeeded.

Trains for Hangchow were leaving as rapidly as they could be made up with no attempt to maintain normal schedules.

The Garrison Command stated that Nanshang, Kashang and Soochow all were in Nationalist hands and that strong reinforcements had gone to Soochow, 60 miles West of Nanking. It acknowledged that the tracks leading on Westward to Communist occupied Nanking had been torn up.

It said only 20,000 Communists had crossed to the South bank of the Yangtze from Kiangsu province (the province opposite the Nanking-Shanghai area) and that others on "surveillance" of the Nationalist air force.

(The Communists have said they have more than 1,000,000 men on the South bank, 350,000 of them from Nanking Eastward towards Shanghai.)

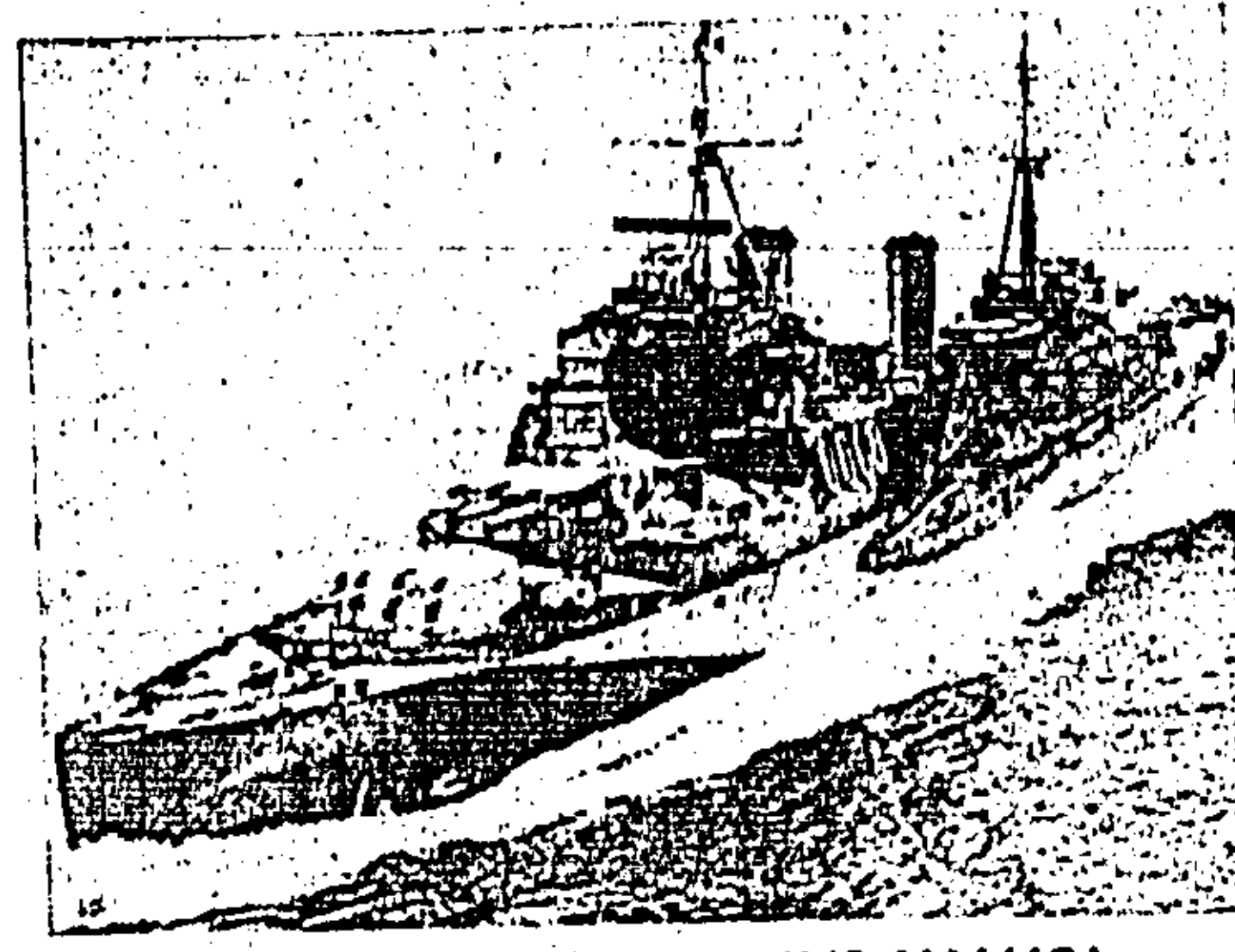
COMMUNIST CLAIMS

The Communist radio announcements from Peking on Monday night, however, said only that Red troops were now 80 miles West of Shanghai and that others were driving south and southwest in pursuit of fleeing government forces. Their intentions were not mentioned.

One Red broadcast said all cities on the south bank from Anking to Wushih—a stretch of 230 miles—were in Red hands.

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Joining China Fleet



THE BRITISH CRUISER, HMS JAMAICA

Aircraft-Carriers, Cruiser And Subs Joining Far East Fleet

An Associated Press despatch from London says that two big aircraft-carriers (their identity not disclosed), and an undetermined number of submarines are to reinforce the British Far East fleet.

The message adds that an Admiralty spokesman, when questioned about these reinforcements, declined to say from where they would come or when they would arrive in China waters.

An official Admiralty announcement, quoted by Reuters, states that the 8,000-ton cruiser, Jamaica, has been ordered to the Far East from Bermuda.

The Admiralty statement said: "The 8,000-ton Fiji Class cruiser, with nine six-inch guns, H.M.S. Jamaica (Captain F. A. Ballance, D.S.O., R.N.) has been ordered to proceed to the Far East from Bermuda. She will steam there at her best speed consistent with endurance.

"The exact time of sailing is not yet known."

India And The Commonwealth Dilemma May Be Resolved By Joint Declaration

London, Apr. 25.—Dominion leaders meeting in secret today reached agreement in principle to consider a joint declaration providing a basis of free association in the Commonwealth which would allow India as a republic to remain a member, usually reliable quarters stated tonight.

The Dominion Prime Ministers, back from a week-end recess in the country, met again in plenary session this afternoon to seek a means of keeping the future republican India in the Commonwealth.

Knowledgeable quarters were completely silent about the meeting, but earlier it was indicated in Commonwealth circles that the leaders might consider a solution by means of a joint declaration stating the basis of association between the member countries.

THREE MAIN POINTS

General reaction to the proposal is as yet unknown. But it was believed that whatever the line of the conference's development, the most important decisions are likely before Wednesday, when the final meeting is due to be held.

Informed quarters understood that there are three main points in India's approach to the question of her continuation in the Commonwealth.

(1) Commonwealth co-operation must not in any way compromise her complete republican independence.

(2) That there can be no question of Commonwealth association involving her in a military alliance.

(3) In keeping with Commonwealth traditions, problems of international policy will be taken upon their merits as they arise. India has always indicated that she wishes to be free of advance commitments.

This afternoon's plenary session at No. 10 Downing Street opened at 1.30 p.m. GMT and lasted for two hours. Immediately after the statements left it was learned that they had arranged for a further round-table discussion at 8 p.m.

Though the closest secrecy is still preserved on the progress of the conference, it is understood that following informal week-end exchanges among the leaders several delegations had prepared rough drafts of their ideas of a solution in preparation for today's meetings.

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Street to enable them to meet members of the British political opposition parties.

Among the guests were Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy Conservative leader, Mr. R. A. Butler, of the Conservative "Shadow Cabinet", Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, Lord Swinton, Lord Simon, the Earl of Derby and Lord Lillithgow.—Reuters.

LEVEL CROSSING DISASTER

Carthage, Tennessee, Apr. 25.—Ten persons, including an entire family, were killed when a fast freight train crashed into a lorry at a level crossing near Gordonsville, about seven miles from here.

All in the lorry were killed. They were on their way home from church.—Reuters.

GOVERNMENT SUED FOR DAMAGES

Cowie Further Cross-Examined This Morning

ASSISTANT'S EVIDENCE

The action for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal from his employment, brought by William Henry Cowie, former Sub-Inspector of Police, against the Attorney-General of Hongkong, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and a Special Jury at the Supreme Court this morning.

Evidence of the system employed in carrying out tests of motor vehicles, and of the happenings on the morning of June 5, 1947, when Cowie was arrested and later charged with receiving a bribe of \$50 from a lorry driver, was given by Mak Yuen, a motor mechanic employed by the Police Traffic Department, Kowloon, who was acting as Cowie's assistant.

Plaintiff alleged that he had suffered damages totalling \$7,516.13 by virtue of the wrongful dismissal without notice and in breach of contract. He was dismissed from his post of Traffic Inspector in Kowloon on August 25, 1947, by H. E. the Governor on the recommendation of a Departmental Board of Enquiry into Cowie's alleged receipt of a bribe of \$50 from one Chan Yu-kong. He also claimed general damages.

The Special Jury empanelled comprised Messrs F. J. Horniman, J. C. (Foreman), Chan Shing-ming, Kenneth Chan, J. Mother-sill, T. J. Pratt, R. E. Desai and S. S. Jorgensen.

Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan (Ts'o and Hodgson) appeared for plaintiff, and the Attorney-General was represented by Mr. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel), instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrewes (Crown Solicitor).

Cowie, who had entered the witness box yesterday when he gave his evidence-in-chief, followed by cross-examination by Crown Counsel this morning.

Mr. Lonsdale then told Cowie he wished to give him an opportunity to state his reason why he felt that Supt. Shaftain should have been acted upon by any malice towards him.

The Chief Justice pointed out to Crown Counsel that Mr. Shaftain's attitude towards Cowie had no bearing in the case at the present moment.

Mr. Lonsdale (to Cowie): Then I will give you an opportunity to state what reasons you have for believing that Inspector Johnston was actuated by any malice towards you.

Cowie: Johnston was acting under the instructions of Supt. Shaftain. That is the only reason I can give.

And in regard to Inspector Morrison, had you any reason to believe he was actuated by any malice towards you? Up to the present Inspector Morrison has taken no active part in the case. I cannot say I am aware of any reason why he should bear malice towards me.

Cowie was then questioned about his statements regarding rain which fell on the morning of June 5 after he had completed his inspection of vehicles. He said he could not remember if he had mentioned the Alhambra Theatre, but agreed he might have said he was between the Kowloon Magistracy and the Alhambra when it started to rain.

Mr. Bernacchi, re-examining, asked Cowie how he usually stood as a Vehicle Inspector. Cowie replied that he usually started by examining the springs.

Mr. Bernacchi: In doing that, what sort of a position would your body be in? The witness, my Lord, has been cross-examined on the pockets he was wearing at the time.

Cowie: I had to bend to look or crawl underneath the vehicles.

Copies of the contract under which Cowie was employed were handed to the Court and Jury before the next witness was called.

Mak Yuen, of 339 Shanghai Street, third floor, said he was a motor mechanic attached to the Kowloon Traffic Office and was working under Cowie in 1947. He assisted the plaintiff in conducting inspections of public and commercial vehicles. Describing the nature of his work, Mak said he usually left his office in company with Cowie, about 9 a.m. and took

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The Handmade Look



Ann Radowsky

By PRUNELLA WOOD

ONE of a series similarly handled, this navy blue sheer is accented with fagoting in the way of the old-time Paris dresses which travellers adored, and which have been missing lately. The effect is precious and hand-made, very elegant and subtle.

In this model, the entire dress, places navy grosgrain ribbon bows on a slanting line over the left chest; short sleeves are given the same treatment. The self-fabric belt is shaped in a curved line to the silhouette.

Ex-Policeman To Start Mink Farm

EX-Middleton policeman George Anderson of Lasswade, Scotland, has arrived back by air from Canada accompanied by 50 rather distinguished immigrants whom the "pinks" now referred to as "Mr and Mrs Mink and party."

They were the rather scarce mink so beloved by women for their fur. Mr Anderson has brought them over to help restock his mink farm started when he began his hobby of mink breeding during his off-duty policing hours at Bonnyrigg.

Then he decided to give up police work and commence mink farming in earnest. Last year he moved to Lasswade and bred 800 mink. He lost only four by death from pneumonia, the mink's greatest enemy. Sales in England and Germany reduced his farm population to 300, but when the newcomers from Canada start breeding in May, he hopes to have a total of 500. He will have the fawn, silver-blue and black-cross varieties bred in captivity and the brown ones reared in their natural state.

Latest mink style

The animals sleep during the forenoon and wake in the afternoon for their one daily meal of fish heads. In their wild state abroad they feed on rabbits. It is a long process to tame one, for they are dangerously playful and rather vicious.

The latest style mink coat is longer and has a wider sweep, and 70 to 100 mink skins, depending on the size of the animal, are required for one garment. A great deal of intricate work is involved in the making of a mink coat and the mink is scarce, which explains the current price of £2,000 and £3,000 per garment. Most of the mink coats made in Britain are in the natural brown, but one or two coloured types have been sent from America.

ABANDONING THE OLD LACE OF YESTERDAY

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK. — Russell Wright, a tireless debunker formally in post-war living, is an evangelist among modern industrial designers.

When he isn't devising a new short cut to practical homemaking, he is crying a philosophy that abandons the stuffiness and old lace of yesterday.

"The era of silver and delicate china is not for our servantless world," says Wright. "We are developing a more comfortable and happier way of living, an honest expression of our times. Those who see a social stigma to eating in the kitchen simply lack imagination."

In nearly 20 years of simplifying household furnishings, Wright has broken new ground in spun aluminium, blond maple furniture, and practical china ware. He has designed linotype and vending machines, and set trends in rugs, lamps, and kitchen gadgets.

His new china has rounded edges and can be stacked in less than half the shelf space of other types. It can be cooked in and brought steaming to the table.

SPOT FASHION



To greet the spring and summer accent here in on spots. A new polka-dotted suit, by Louis Levy with its double ticket pockets, tiny fly-away cuffs and long revers with double-button fastening.

If You Give Your Child A Pet—

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

A CHILD old enough to take sole care of a pet, who rarely or never does care for it, tends to lose more in moral growth than he gains from having this pet.

Suppose you are planning to get a puppy for your son of eight or ten. He has, of course, assured you in good faith that he will take complete care of this pet as long as it lives. How are you going to help this boy to fulfil his promise literally? You will help him learn from books and other sources just how to take the best care of the puppy and bring it up well. You will employ the best possible skill in keeping your son's interest in the dog and in responsibility for it.

If you are a devotee to the widely-provaling philosophy that you care and should so motivate this boy by pleasant means that he will choose on his own free will and accord to care for this pet completely and faithfully for this year, the next year, and the year after that, you can be just about as sure to be disappointed as you can be to find that you have failed. Who else do you know that has not failed to find such a pot of gold at the rainbow's end? Why not face reality?

Interest Wanes Now you know very well that after a few days or weeks this boy's zeal over caring for his pet will almost surely wane. That when feeding, watering or air-ing the puppy interferes with something else the lad would rather do, he will incline to rather do.

neglect the pet. If he so neglects it often or too long at a stretch you or some other member of the family will look after this pet. Every time you do you will render him less responsible for the pet. In the meantime, you will probably scold him for his negligence and remind him of his broken promise (about the worst thing you could do). And the more you employ such irritating talk the weaker still his sense of responsibility for the pet becomes.

Just because you easily foresee such possibilities you may choose to plan a program, somewhat as follows: Do your very best to stimulate the boy's continued interest in the pet and faithful care of it. Set up no warnings nor unfavorable suggestions. Make no commands or threats.

Neglect

Be alert to the first clear instance of his neglect of the pet. When this comes announce distinctly to him a penalty for his next item of neglect. The penalty might well be a denial of a cherished privilege or a sentence to sit unmused in a chair for one hour. It should be something impressively unpleasant. Rule out exhorting, arguing, jailing. Keep checking very carefully to make sure of no single neglect of this pet can happen without his bearing already unpleasant consequences. In the meantime strive harder than before to help this boy find satisfaction from proper care of the pet, celebrating its successes. The principles of this programme are the same as those involved in training the child to help at regular jobs about the home.

Responsibility

In harder, long-drawn out cases in which you are still caring for the boy's pet—and still jailing about it, the foregoing might not be very workable. Other courses open to you are: To dispose of the pet or to go on caring for it. Be sure to omit the jailing. There may be a third way for exceptional parents: To win the child through reasoning (without any heat, in spite of prior fires) to choose sole responsibility for the pet.

Unbreakable Ware

Wright's china has been adopted by hundreds of the state. He is now designing unbreakable ware for restaurants and other institutions. In one test, a man dropped a plate from a skyscraper window without breaking it.

Wright is 44. He is a slender man just over six feet. In his early days he wanted to be a painter and for a time he worked with Norman Bel Geddes in New York and in Paris, designing stage scenery. Soon he set up his own shop, designing electrical props. These so intrigued one specialty shop owner that she asked for designs in metal.

Out of this grew custom-made furniture and metal designs, which led naturally into designing as a full time career.

His "First"

Some of Wright's "firsts" were informal service accessories, the first modern lamp, and the first aluminium utensil designed for cooking and serving. He also achieved a revolutionary line of china dinnerware which combined functional utility and beauty of line and glaze. Associated Press.

Household Hints

Make a habit of clipping thread on the bias, as it is more easily inserted into the needle eye.

If you have some table linen that has grown yellow with age, and you cannot get it white, you can dye it a rich colour—pale green, wine or deep blue. It will set off your china nicely.

A child's overall which is cut so that it can be let out in both body and legs is better than an overalls one that has to be grown into. Clothes that are too large are uncomfortable and "hampering" as these too small. Adjustable straps with several buttonholes will allow for lengthening the body of the garment. Wide hems in the legs can be let out as the child grows. The hems are better and safer than the usual cuffs, which collect sand and dirt and won't stay up.

To preserve the top of a leather-topped coffee table, use a leather conditioner, and nothing else.

Beauty Depends on Health



If you ignore the rules of good health, warns Movie Star Jeff Donnell, your complexion will look sallow, eyes will lose their sparkle.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WOMEN who are chasing beauty rainbows expect too much of cosmetics, as any beautician will tell you. They fancy they can buy a brand new complexion in a jar or a bottle.

Don't overlook the fact that your general health has something to do with the state of your complexion, its texture and colouring. If you rob yourself of the required hours of sleep you must expect paler. The same rule holds good if you fail to get out of doors. A certain amount of exercise is necessary, not only for the well being of the sacred complexion, but for the figure and the stability of the nervous system.

What you eat is important. You need a certain amount of protein, carbohydrates and fat.

In proper proportions to form a balanced diet. If you are a finicky eater you will lack certain food elements.

You should drink plenty of water. For the normal person there is no time of the day or night when it is harmful to drink water. The first thing in the morning probably ranks first in value because the water washes out any residual from the preceding day and stimulates the flow of gastric juice in readiness to receive breakfast.

Considering that a large part of the human body consists of water it should not be difficult for even the dumbest to understand the need of it. Take at least four glasses of water a day for its health-and-cosmetic value.



Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Cornmeal Has Many Uses

"MADAME, I am in a puzzle," said the Chef. "Here on our kitchen table are three parcels of cornmeal: one parcel white and two parcels yellow. I think the yellow is more rich, non?"

"Non," I laughed, "there is very little difference; as a matter of fact white cornmeal contains more protein, and yellow cornmeal is a little higher in carotene, that's what gives the colour. Both contain the same level of minerals and vitamins."

"Please tell me something else, Madame. These parcels of cornmeal are marked 'enriched' or 'fortified'—what is the difference in the meaning of these words?"

Nutritive Value

"Enriched" or "fortified" is a term used to describe any food that has been made more potent in nutritive value by the addition of vital food elements. But "enriched" means that something formerly removed has been given back or is restored, such as the vitamins which are given back to converted white rice during the manufacturing process.

"I suppose people are becoming very conscious of the nutritive value of food," remarked the Chef. "Everywhere I see these words 'enriched' or 'fortified'."

"That's true, but much more progress must be made, before we can say the nation eats a balanced ration."

"I like the idea of cornmeal mush for breakfast," remarked the Chef. "When I travelled through the State of Vermont I had some for breakfast. It was served with cream and scraped Vermont maple sugar. Very good!"

"Cornmeal mush is a popular cereal in many parts of the country," I added. "Sometimes it's chilled, then sliced, dipped in crumbs and sometimes it's made into Johnny cakes."

"Johnny cakes? I have often made the cornmeal griddle cakes," but what are Johnny cakes?" the Chef asked.

"They are a form of fried cornmeal mush that originated in the State of Rhode Island. The name is derived from 'Journey cakes' because in pioneer days they were made in advance, and packed to eat on a journey. Some persons think cornbread and Johnny cakes are the same thing, but they are very different."

Cook Until Thick

"Real Johnny cake is made by combining 2 cups cornmeal and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stir this into 2 cups of boiling water, and cook and stir until very thick. Then drop by dropping tablespoons of the hot mush in a little hot oil in a frying pan. When brown on one side, turn to brown the other side. Serve with syrup or butter, and in pioneer days always with fried bacon or ham. In that case the Johnny cakes

were fried in ham or bacon fat." "You have also the Southern spoon bread made with cornmeal. It is delicious," said the Chef. "And it is so substantial for the eggs and milk. It can even be served as a main dish."

"And so can tamale pie; that's made with cornmeal mush and just a little meat. Tamale pie is famous throughout the Southwest. It's another example of the many real budget dishes based on corn, which are favourites throughout this country. America is literally the land of corn, leading the world in its production."

Dinner

Cucumber Salad
Tamale Pie
String Beans
Sweet-Sour Cabbage
Drop Biscuits
Butter or Margarine
Cherry Crunch
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

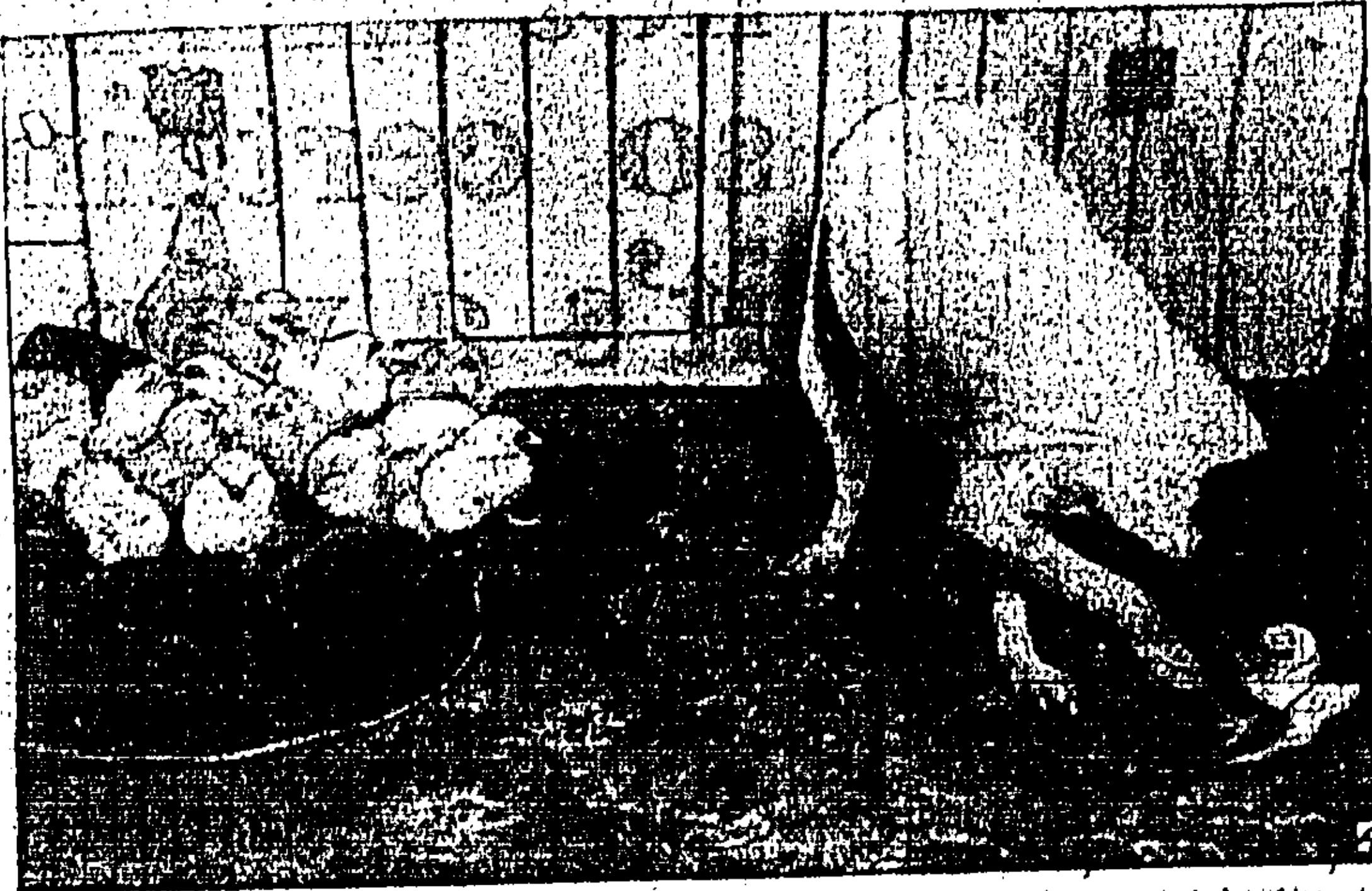
Tamale Pie
Measure 3 c. boiling water into a good-sized sauce pan; add 3 tbs. butter or margarine; stir in 1 c. enriched cornmeal. Cook and stir until thick; then add 1/2 c. milk. Stir in 1/2 c. cornmeal mush with butter or margarine and gradually 2/3 of the cooked cornmeal. To do this, pat it in with a spoon. Fill with the prepared meat-mixture. Spread over the remaining cornmeal to cover; bake 40 min. in moderate oven, 375 F.

Meat Filling: Melt 1 tbs. margarine, shortening or meat drippings in a frying pan. Add 1/2 lb. hamburger or ground raw beef, 1/4 c. minced onion, 1 tbs. salt, 1/4 tps paprika and 1 tps. pepper. Slow-fry 5 min. Then stir in 1/2 tbs. flour; add 1 c. sieved minced tomato or 1 (8 oz.) tin all-tomato sauce. Cook and stir until boiling. Use in making tamale pie as described above.

Sweet-Sour Cabbage
Coarse-shred enough well-washed cabbage to make 6 c. Place in a sauce pan; pour in boiling water to half cover; add 1/2 bayleaf and 1 tps. salt. Boil 12 to 15 min. Dr. until the cabbage is crisp-tender. Then drain. Add 1 tbs. butter or margarine and 2 tbs. sugar blended with 3 tbs. vinegar. Let stand a few minutes in a warm place to season.

Cherry Crunch
Wash and stone 1 qt. sour cherries. Add 1 tbs. flour; 1 c. sugar; 1 tps. cinnamon; 1/4 tps. salt and 2 tps. water. Spread in a 9 in. pie plate, suitable for service. Next prepare the topping. To do this, cream together 1/3 c. margarine or equal part margarine and shortening, 1/3 c. flour, 1/2 c. quick cooking oatmeal and 1/2 c. brown sugar. Work together with a fork or the fingers into firm crumbs. Sprinkle over the cherries; slow-bake 30 to 40 min. or until they are tender and the top is brown. Serve with sweet or soured cream, or marshmallow cream diluted with orange juice.

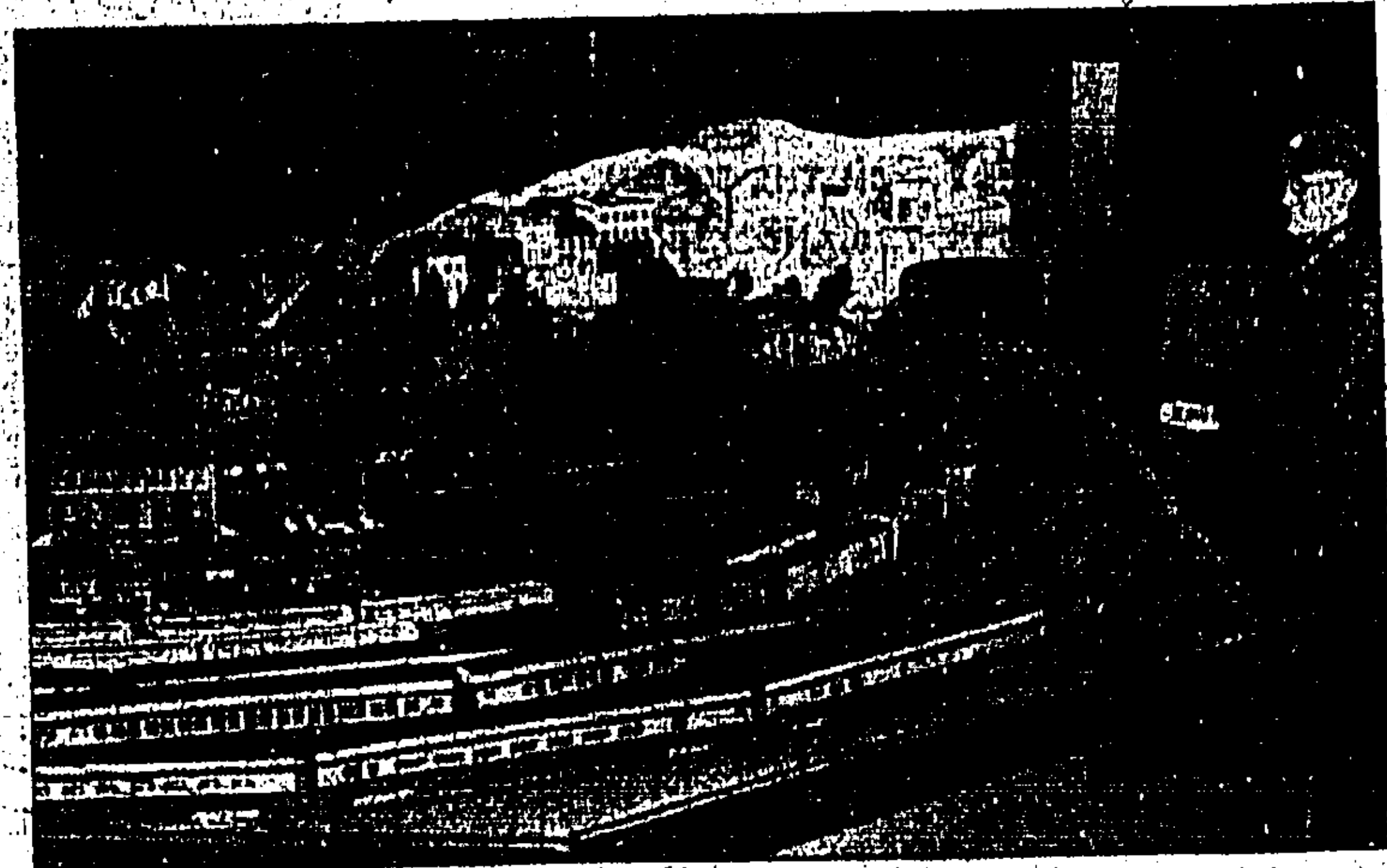
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TERRIER BECOMES RETRIEVER—Shorty, a terrier in the home of John Casa near Windsor, Canada, brings back to the nest one of the brood of baby chicks she recently adopted. The terrier has yet to injure one of the fuzzy youngsters over which she is playing mother.



ICE SHOW IN MIAMI—Susan and Tommy LaVonne rehearse their skating act for next season's "Holiday on Ice" under the eye of George Tyson, director, at Miami, Florida.



OPERATOR MOVES HIS TRAINS—J. Wilbur Sakers, electrician, operates the model railway exhibit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, an exact copy of the Company's standard equipment, on exhibition at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. It is insured for \$40,000.



ESCORT—Miss Genevieve Cuprys holds a 3-month-old leopard she accompanied by air from Singapore to New York.



ATE TOO WELL FOR COMFORT—Four wild deer squeezed between the slats of a fence guarding a haystack during the recent storms, ate their fill and then couldn't get back through the fence to freedom. Ranchers near Cokeville, Wyoming, released the frightened animals.



A WHITTAKER AND HER PRODUCT—Mrs. J. B. Stevens of Riverside, Illinois, who took up whittling when an accident confined her to bed for six months, carves a "forty-niner's" donkey at the World Hobby Exposition in Chicago. She has carved 5,000 pieces in eight years.



WINS FILM AWARD—Virginia Wave, of Cathedral Films, holds the award of the Association of Religious Film Distributors as the best religious actress of the year.



SAFE SAFECRACKER—Harry C. Miller has cracked more than 35,000 safes as a civilian employed by the United States Army at the Pentagon, Washington, to repair government safes.



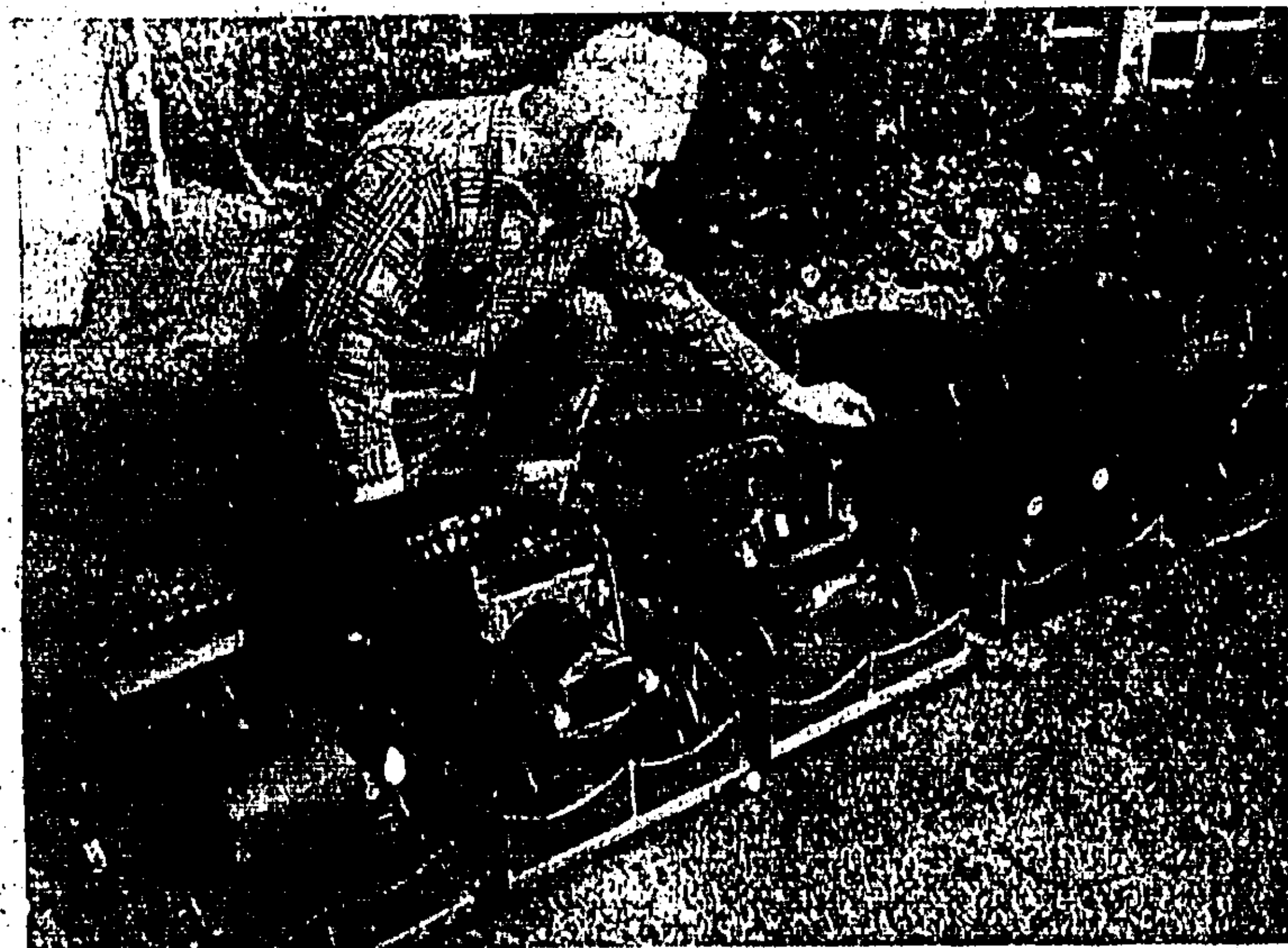
NINETY-MINUTE HEAD—Sculptor Bartelley Dailion carves a head in soft limestone in ninety minutes in an exhibition at the Injured War Veterans' Home in Paris.



TO SEARCH FOR NOAH'S ARK—Egerton Sykes and his wife study a map of Turkey in London. They will head an expedition to Mt. Ararat, hoping to find traces of Noah's Ark.



AIRWAYS TERMINAL—A ride on a luggage trolley for Gordon Pederson, 6, of Resource, Saskatchewan. He was in London after a four months' holiday in his father's country, Denmark.



EARLY CARS IN MINIATURE—Arthur Salmons shows the (left to right) 1902 Oldsmobile, 1911 Ford, 1904 Cadillac, 1918 Chevrolet and 1911 Ford 3-passenger models he built at Hynes, California.



MONKEY AND A STICK—Pooling the pennies they saved, youngsters treat their friend Tim, the orangutan, to a bag of candy on their weekly visit to the Brookfield Zoo, Chicago.

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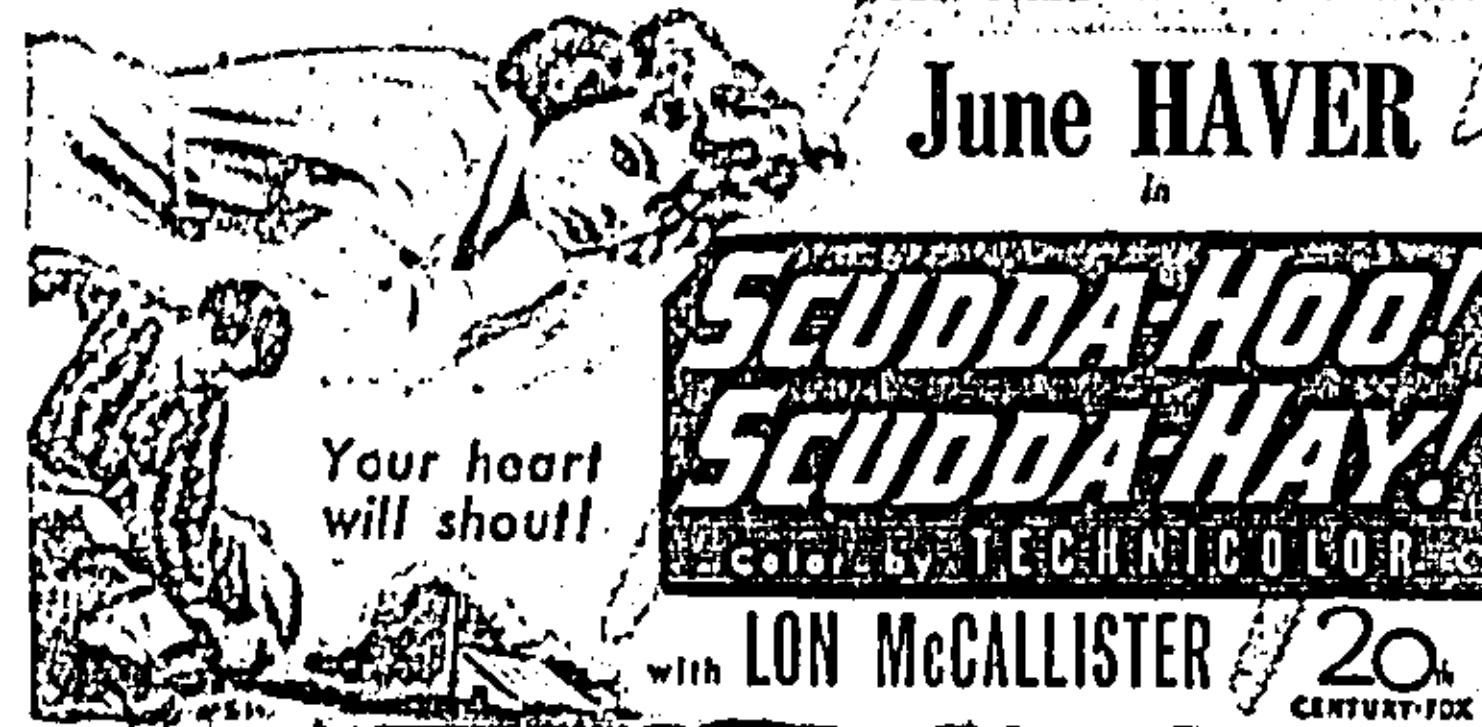
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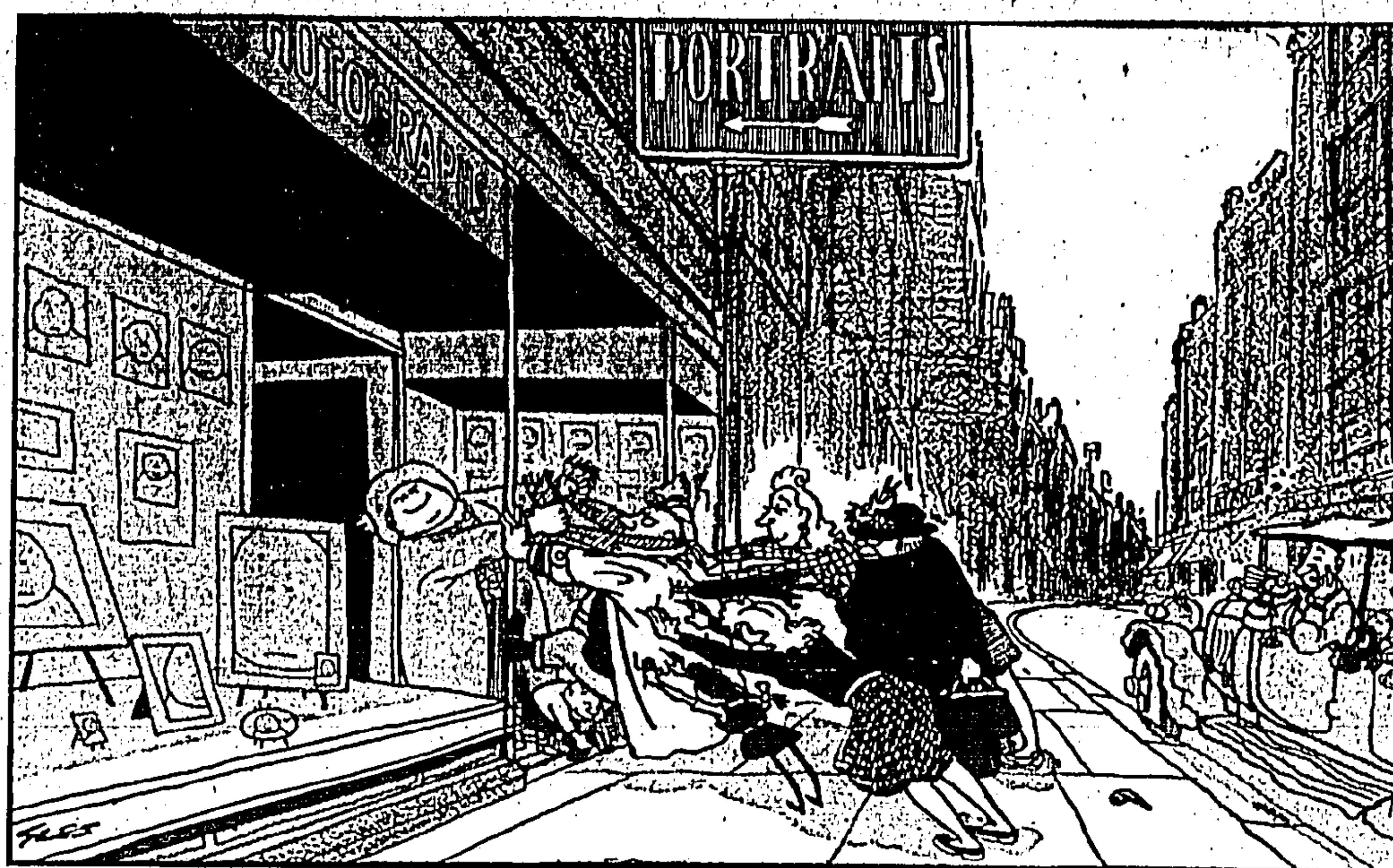
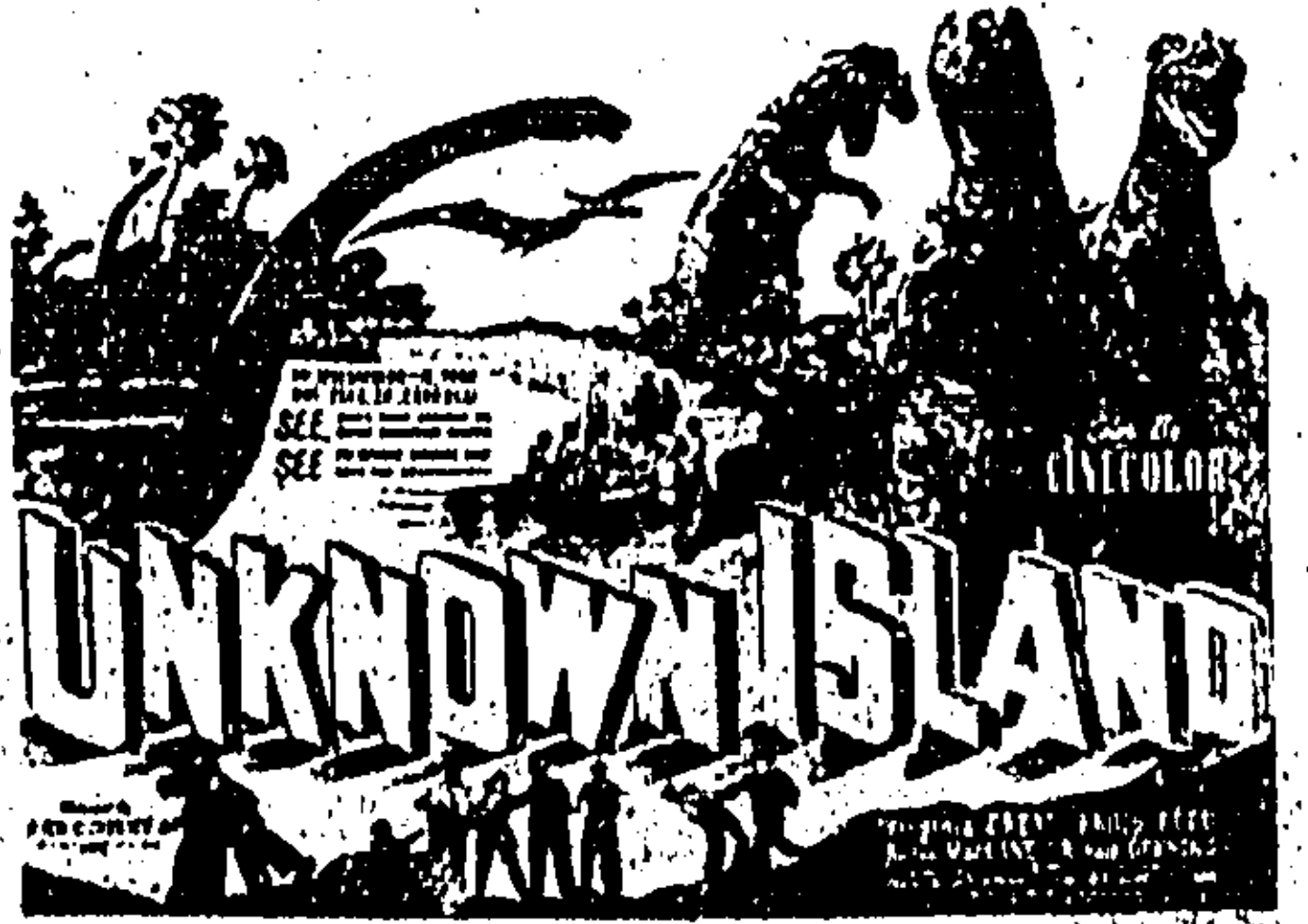
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BRITONS FLOCKING TO BUY HOUSES ON SUNSHINE ISLE

BY JAMES LEASOR

Montego Bay (Jamaica). THERE is a Jamaican here who rows visitors round the bay to see the coral reefs. His name is Captain Bill. He is a diplomat. At the bow of his tiny row-boat flies the Union Jack; at the stern, Old Glory. And this sums up the whole island, making the best of both worlds, the Old and the New.

This year more Britons than ever before have followed the sun to this sterling island. And many of them have fallen so deeply in love with her perfect fusion of the Old and the New that they have bought houses here.

High up in the hills live Sir William and Lady Stephenson. During the war Sir William was Director of British Security Co-ordination in the Western Hemisphere. Now he divides his time between London, New York and Montego. Everyone knows when they are at home, for then a searchlight blazes out from an upper window. It lights up their open-air lounge as they sip cocktails, and also lets their friends know that a welcome awaits them.

Enter Gladys Cooper

A CROSS the valley from the Stephensons is a bungalow with a curious, castle-like turret in its roof. Under this turret, which is hollow, sits Ivor Novello, putting the last touches to his latest musical show. He has not yet decided on its name, wavers between "The Snow Princess" and "King's Rhapsody," will say nothing about it except that it is set at the end of the last century.

Novello, tanned, grey-haired and wearing enormous horn-rimmed spectacles, pads bare-foot about his bungalow, proud showing visitors his blue tiled bathroom, his green tiled verandah. He spends his mornings swimming, his afternoons reading or working, rarely wears anything more than beach clothes.

Staying with him are Zena Dacre, Olive Gilbert and Robert Andrews. He hopes that Gladys Cooper will fly in soon.

Eighty miles further along the Gold Coast—so-called by cynical locals because of the fabulous prices asked and received in its hotels—is Noel Coward. He has built himself a new house bang on the edge of a cliff, is proud of his superb view of sea, mountains and forest, one of the best in Jamaica. Like a city that is set on a hill, his house cannot be hid, and he has no intention of hiding it.

Coward was told that it would be impossible to build on a solid rock, but he thought otherwise. Part of the rock was dynamited away—and the house went up.

The sun comes out of the sea each morning and finds him at work on the second part of his autobiography. He writes from seven until eleven, spends the rest of the day lazing, bathing or both.

With him is actor Graham Payn and a puppy called Rydlin, after a famous pirate. Noel boasts that this beast has the sharpest teeth of any dog on the island. It is no idle claim. I bear scars to prove it.

Spending a short time with him are Mr and Mrs Clive Brook, who say they also want a house here, and John C. Wilson, who has been Coward's associate producer for nearly 30 years. He has just flown in from New York, where he produced Cole Porter's latest show, "Kiss Me, Kate."

House to be happy in

A LONG the coast road, half-way between the two British theatrical peaks of Novello and Coward, is an American, Alfred de Lagrange, who has produced Jean Giraudoux's magnificent

"Mad Woman of Chailot." Now New York's most discussed play, it stars British Martha Hunt, and it is one of the great allegories of this age and stage.

In Fleming, brother of author Peter, also has a house on this coast. It has its own private beach approached by the cautious with trepidation down a long flight of concrete steps. The rooms are charmingly decorated with old coloured prints of houses and curious fish. It is a house to be happy in.

Near by is a small, white bungalow with a wrought-iron front door. It belongs to Jean Baxter, who lives there with her mother. She has given up flying.

Hotels like rushrooms

SHE was the first person to fly alone from England to Australia and back again, and the first woman to make a solo flight to South America across the South Atlantic. She made both these flights in 1935. But she is still as slim and slight and smiling as she was then.

Hector Whistler, cousin of the famous Rex, has been holding a one-man art show in the lounge of an hotel near Fort Maria. He has painted 20 Jamaican scenes,

has sold nearly every one to tourists.

Hotels sprout like mushrooms along this coast. Ex-Army officers sink gratuities into a few bedroom suites and a bar and hope that sun, the sea and the good goddess Fortune will provide them with their guests.

Clare Boothe's visit

LATEST hotel to hang out its sign is run by an old Assam tea-planter. He is Captain Oscar Michael Hetherington. His hotel is at Runaway Bay, which takes its name from the fact that the last Spanish governor, Christoval Arnoldo de Yassi, fled the island from it in 1655. Tough old Yassi rowed away snarling in a native canoe, eventually reached Cuba, a hundred miles away.

Brooding in the bar over this navigational feat was white-haired, cold-eyed Captain Bertram Mitford, uncle of the late Unity. He bemoaned the fact that so little has been written about Jamaica.

Blonde, acid-tongued Clare Boothe Luce says that her stay here has given her an idea for a comedy. And Leslie Charteris, creator of The Saint, says that he is considering a new novel with a Jamaican background.

(London Express Service).

THE LIGHT-UP SONG By J. W. TAYLOR

EX-INFANTRYMAN Hubert Gregg was not particularly interested in the glitter of London's Piccadilly lights as they went up in all their former glory for the first time in ten years. As he mingled with the crowds milling around Eros and Leicester Square looking for wartime Army pals of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in case they did keep that pact to meet at the light-up, he kept one ear cocked for the voice of actress Zoe Gail, who was perched high above the crowds at a BBC microphone on the Criterion Restaurant balcony.

Suddenly the cheers which hailed the switch-on ceremony stilled as Zoe sang the new famous song: "I Am Going To Get Lit Up When The Lights Go Up In London"—a song publishers at first rejected; the ditty which drew newspaper letters of protest and a mild broadcast rebuke from J.B. Priestley; the song which quite suddenly caught on and swept the wartime stage of London and New York. It was the song which Hubert wrote whilst having an Army breakfast at Burton Road

Barracks, Lincoln, one snowy February morning in 1940.

He had the inspiration for the first song in the middle of sampling tomatoes on toast—his pals thought it just the job for the coming camp concert. An old envelope was his manuscript paper. Back in the hut, Hubert was cleaning his rifle when the music for his song burst upon him, and down it went on the paper. Then he tried the song out on the boys, and by the time they had to get "fell in," half the platoon were humming it. Platoon Sergeant Smedley wasn't at all pleased about this being lit up.

But the song pleased the camp concert, and thereafter many of the Lincolns sang it on the march and went into battle on it. But up in Tin Pan Alley it didn't appeal. It didn't seem sort of the right mood with the war lasting so long and the blackout keeping on. One London publisher, whose face must have got very red, returned it with the comment: "This song has no commercial possibilities." But the Lincolns kept on singing it.

Tin Pan Alley publishers fell over one another to print the song. The sheet music was published in every free country in the world, including Australia, where it was frowned upon by some radio networks; and in the occupied countries it became an "under the counter" melody. Later, the tune was

used as a broadcast signal to Resistance movements that the invasion was about to start.

Hubert came in for some criticism for writing "this decadent ditty." Some letters to the newspapers were faintly annoyed about it. What does Hubert say about it all? Says he: "Apologies, where necessary, for the shameful spirits of myself and my hut-mates. But, please, the song was never intended to be a 'cat-out-of-the-bag' expression of national policy. It was just breakfast doggerel and pull-through music to help thirty-old 'Yellow Belts'—Lincolnshire lads to you—through their tomatoes on toast and rifle drill."

But Hubert has long since made his peace everybody. When the London lights did go on again the other week-end, the BBC and Zoe Gail put over his song in a big way, and made it quite a feature of the switch-on ceremony.

As for the Lincolns, it is beginning to rival their Regimental "Lincolnshire Poacher" march.

I'm not so certain it's a win

Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP

MR BEVIN, buoyed up by the signing of the Atlantic Pact, says "the cold war has been won . . . at least in Western Europe."

Americans writing of the recent changes in the Kremlin have a way of basing their speculations on the assumption that Stalin is conscious of "his recent defeats in the cold war."

My American colleagues have a network of able reporters at their disposal throughout the world. Mr Bevin has access to a wealth of information, from both open and secret sources. And yet I wonder.

Week after week I travel around my parish taking the temperature of the capitals—and villages. As I read the thermometer the cold war is still far from over. Over-confidence and wishful optimism are not the least of the perils.

THE KING ACTED

AS I found last week in Athens.

Four months ago the Greeks were in despair. The Communist guerrillas, heavily reinforced from Albania and Bulgaria, had seized control of a considerable part of Northern Greece and the Peloponnese.

They were making successful raids in force on big towns with populations up to 50,000. They held the towns for a few days, then retired carrying off with them arms, provisions, and prisoners, whom they pressed-gauged into joining them as soldiers.

The Government army was demoralised. Two divisions had melted. Generals were quarrelling among themselves, refusing to obey each other's orders. The Government coalition was disintegrating. There was no leader.

And then the King stepped in—energetic young King Paul of Greece. Backed by the Americans and ourselves, he persuaded the politicians to forget their squabbles, broaden the Cabinet by taking in some of the opposition, and appoint as commander-in-chief with full powers General Papagos, the soldier who in 1940, had so brilliantly defeated the invading Italians.

Papagos was given powers which none of the Greek commanders fighting the Communists had enjoyed so far. He was authorised to dismiss and promote officers without consulting the politicians. Military efficiency and not party patron-

age became the criterion in army appointments for the first time in post-war Greece.

To make sure that Papagos would not fear he was being double-crossed with the up-and-coming Spiro Markesinos, leader of a small, opposition group of 14 deputies, and a trusted friend both of General Papagos and the king, was introduced into the inner War cabinet as Minister without portfolio.

PERIL IN GREECE

By the time I arrived in Athens last week the Greek Army, fighting with a new morale and a new discipline, had heavily defeated the guerrillas.

And the politicians? Believe it or not, they are so confident that the guerrillas are finished and done with and the Communist peril banned for good that they are rebelling against the powers conferred on Papagos.

As a first step in their campaign to put him in his place, they are attempting to oust Markesinos.

If Markesinos is ousted and Papagos's power is undermined, then there is no question in my mind: However much the Politburo and the Cominform may be preoccupied with the moment the war in Greece will see many more offensives from the Communists.

EXODUS ENDED?

IN Rome airport waiting with me were a group of Czech Jews on their way to Palestine in a Czech Airlines plane. The satisfaction in their faces was not just the satisfaction of the pilgrim.

They were delighted, so one of them told me, because they had managed to get on this aircraft. For it is likely to be one of the last to leave Prague with Jews for Israel.

Czechoslovakia, despite the help it has given with arms, guns, aircraft, and pilots to the Jews in their fight to drive out the Army inhabitants from Palestine, has joined the Soviet Union and the other satellite States in an all-out attack on the Zionists.

They have closed down the Joint Distribution Committee, stopped almost all emigration to Israel, expelled Zionists from the Communist-controlled Jewish community councils, and even refused transit visas to Jews from Poland wishing to fly to Lydda via Prague.

JEWS UNDER FIRE

IN the Soviet Union the attack on the Zionists has now taken on the familiar colours of an attack on Jews in general.

The majority of intellectuals under fire in the current campaign against theatrical, musical and literary critics are Jews. They are denounced as "homeless cosmopolitans." The Soviet newspapers have even been giving the Jewish names of the men they denounce in brackets after their adopted Russian names. Thus Moscow's Literary Gazette denounced "a malignant parasitic story by Melnikov (Melnikov)" and "the cynical, impudent activities of B. Yakovlev (Hofzmann)."

Only Poland provides an interesting divergence by not joining in the general attack.

But I doubt whether the reason for this is, as some suggest, that out of 13 members of the Warsaw Politburo seven are Jews. For Jews also dominate the other satellite Politburos.

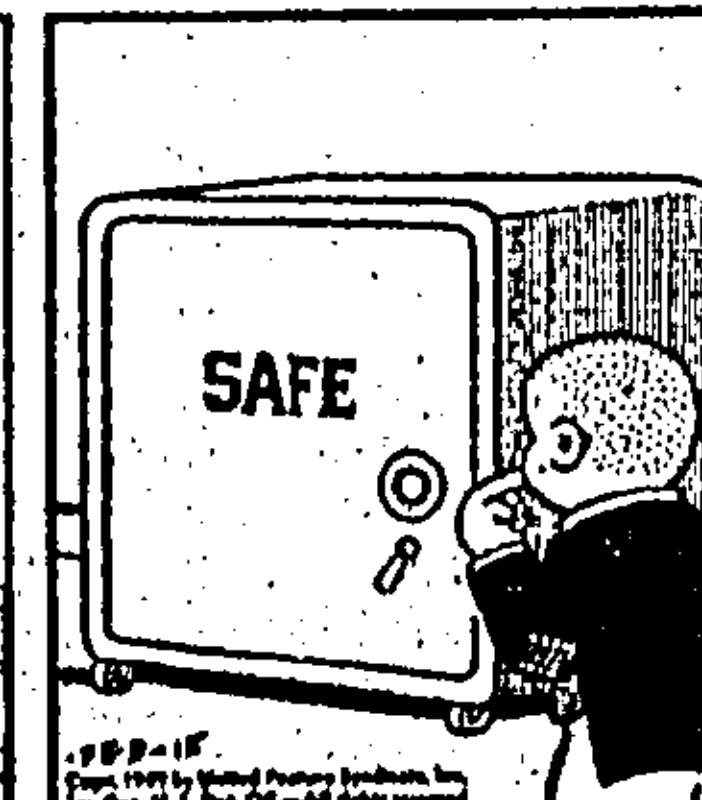
Now, whatever your feelings may be about this policy, it certainly does not look like the policy of a man who is conscious of having suffered defeat. It shows no tendency to conciliate.

No, Mr. Bevin, I do not think the cold war has been won. Not even in Western Europe.

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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

IN my opinion Louis 15. Wilson was one of the greatest card players who ever lived. I have been told that every number of a bridge book takes something from his book. "Watson on the Play of the Hand" and "Contract Bridge" are two of the greatest card players, but one of the finest partners as well.

Paging through his book for a hand to give you today, I ran across this one, which I recall very well. It was played in the All-American team-of-four championship. Louis sat in the East, and his partner in the West was Samuel Fry. Louis said at the time, "This one goes in the book."

With a club suit such as Fry held, I had been trained to open the jack. It was always Louis's contention, however, that at times there is a hand on which you should do something other than the conventional.

With that in mind, Fry reasoned that declarer must have the ace of clubs in order to go to three no trump. If he held the ace and queen of clubs, the lead of the jack would give him two tricks. If dummy held the queen and one or two clubs, the lead of the jack would give declarer two tricks.

Having decided that he was going to lead a club regardless, Fry realized that the only way he could gain by it would be to lead the king and find the queen of clubs singleton in the North hand. And that is what happened.

The lead killed the declarer's chances. When Fry got in with the ace of hearts he set the contract two tricks. Since then, whenever one of the experts holds a combination like this one, he gives serious consideration to the possibility that the king may be the proper lead.

CROSSWORD

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- Across
1. A tragedy where are Diana's favourite flowers. (9)
 2. Does a pint come from down under? (9)
 3. A South African native village. (5)
 4. Found in a cornet note. (3)
 5. Direction seems lacking here. (4)
 6. Death. (4)
 7. Work. (3)
 8. See 8 Down.
 9. Quite enough to make seed near. (3)
 10. He's reputedly silly. (3)
 11. Give dad the hint and he'll become a slave. (6)
 12. Down
 13. A lifetime of nights no doubt. (4)
 14. True I am but differently put together. (9)
 15. The most lovely garden of all. (4)
 16. What you said, please. (6)
 17. Conveyances. (4-4)
 18. And 10. It could be the cur's milk. (4)
 19. Following Fa it's usually tasty. (3)
 20. Provides Noel a solo role. (6)
 21. Mythical place for the toes. (6)
 22. A small narrow spade, but not used for potatoes. (4)
 23. Landed. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Insurance; 2. Broom; 3. Broom; 4. Broom; 5. Broom; 6. Broom; 7. Broom; 8. Broom; 9. Broom; 10. Broom; 11. Broom; 12. Broom; 13. Broom; 14. Broom; 15. Broom; 16. Broom; 17. Broom; 18. Broom; 19. Broom; 20. Broom; 21. Broom; 22. Broom; 23. Broom; 24. Broom; 25. Broom; 26. Broom; 27. Broom; 28. Broom; 29. Broom; 30. Broom; 31. Broom; 32. Broom; 33. Broom; 34. Broom; 35. Broom; 36. Broom; 37. Broom; 38. Broom; 39. Broom; 40. Broom; 41. Broom; 42. Broom; 43. Broom; 44. Broom; 45. Broom; 46. Broom; 47. Broom; 48. Broom; 49. Broom; 50. Broom; 51. Broom; 52. Broom; 53. Broom; 54. Broom; 55. Broom; 56. Broom; 57. Broom; 58. Broom; 59. Broom; 60. Broom; 61. Broom; 62. Broom; 63. Broom; 64. Broom; 65. Broom; 66. Broom; 67. Broom; 68. Broom; 69. Broom; 70. Broom; 71. Broom; 72. Broom; 73. Broom; 74. Broom; 75. Broom; 76. Broom; 77. Broom; 78. Broom; 79. Broom; 80. Broom; 81. Broom; 82. Broom; 83. Broom; 84. Broom; 85. Broom; 86. Broom; 87. Broom; 88. Broom; 89. Broom; 90. Broom; 91. Broom; 92. Broom; 93. Broom; 94. Broom; 95. Broom; 96. Broom; 97. Broom; 98. Broom; 99. Broom; 100. Broom.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Answers
1. A modified black market.
 2. A Greek mathematician who lived in the third century. His elements of geometry have become classic.
 3. A painting done on a wall. 4. Napoli. 5. "David Copperfield" by Charles Dickens. 6. "As a whole," "entirely."

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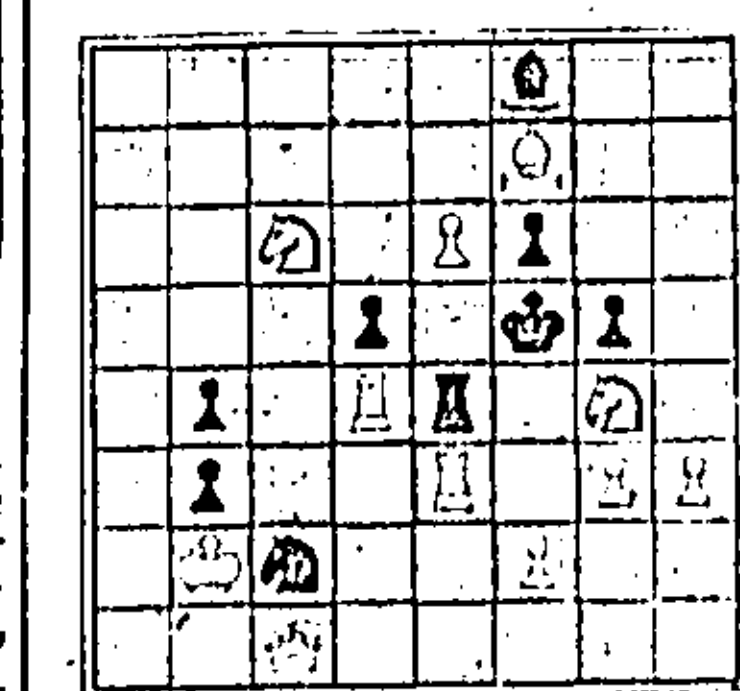
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SHALL I SHAKEN UP YOUR TONGUE, DOCTOR?

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON
Black, 9 pieces.

White, 11 pieces.



White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-R5, 1... Kt-B6; 2. B-B2; 1... Kt-Q7; 2. Q-Q12; 1... Kt-B7; 2. Q-K2; 1... Kt-K16; 2. KxP.

(Answers in Column 1)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

How an Animal Keeps Dry

—His Coat Acts Like an Umbrella—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a rainy day, Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, stood by the window watching the drops race each other from the top to the bottom of the pane.

"I'm glad we're not birds, or bugs, or animals," Knarf said to Hand; "because if we were, we'd have to be outside in the rain. We'd get soaking wet."

Hand was just about to agree with her brother when Mr. Punch, who was sitting in his rocking chair next to the other window in the room, said loudly: "Not at all!"

Knarf and Hand turned quickly to look at Mr. Punch. "You mean, Mr. Punch," Hand said, "that we wouldn't get soaking wet if we were birds or bugs or animals?"

"That's exactly what I mean," said Mr. Punch. "If you were a bird, you wouldn't mind the rain a bit. You'd shake the drops off your feathers as fast as they fell on them. And if you were a duck, or a goose, the rain would roll right off your back. Birds don't mind rain any more than umbrellas do. And ducks and geese have webbed feet that are just good for rubbing."

"Bugs get wet," said Knarf. "They walk right on the ground where all the puddles are."

Mr. Punch smiled. "Bugs walk right on the ground," he agreed; "but you'll never find one foolish enough to walk in a puddle. They are always very careful to walk around them. Now and then, of course, a beetle or a grasshopper might fall in a puddle but that's always because they slip on a blade of wet grass or trip over a dandelion seed. It's always an accident. Besides," Mr. Punch

Rupert & the live toys—14

Sylvia is thrilled when she hears the story. "But how is it that you like you can run and talk?" she asks. "Everybody in the Castle knows you're all alive." He says: "When he gives them to children at Christmas he un-magics them and they become ordinary toys. He didn't see us leaving, so he didn't un-magic us. But I'm afraid Golly missed us, because Rupert says he's looking for us."

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SCIENCE AT WORK

NEW DRUGS FROM SOIL STUDIES PROMISED

By PAUL F. ELLIS

FROM the soil of South America may come new drugs to help man fight off disease.

One country, Venezuela, already has contributed a drug soil from which chloromycetin was developed. The drug is now being used to combat such diseases as typhus and typhoid fever.

The isolation of the drug was made by Dr. Paul R. Burkholder.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is a gray market?
2. Who was Euclid?
3. What is a mural?
4. What is the Italian name for Naples?
5. Betsy Trotwood is a character in what novel?
6. What is the meaning of the phrase "in toto"?

(Answers in Column 1)

Tests To Be Started

Dr. Burkholder said that once the samples have arrived at Yale, he will start tests to isolate promising microbes which may produce new drugs.

In addition to the test for new drugs, Burkholder plans to analyze the soil for its relationship to agriculture. He said that a complete breakdown of the chemical contents of the soil will be made with special emphasis on the fertilizing qualities of the samples. Also, he plans to make studies on nitrogen-fixing bacteria and other special types of microbes which might prove useful in industrial fermentations.

The project should turn up some interesting data.

Burkholder further plans to determine the effect of centuries of agriculture on soil.

He said that comparative analyses will be made between soil of remote areas that has never been tilled, and soil that has been used continuously for farming by the Indians and white settlers for hundreds of years.—United Press.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

BORN today, you have tremendous ambition and are likely to undertake more than you can efficiently handle at one time. Although it is never good to underestimate your capabilities, it is equally disastrous to overrate them. For if you fail to reach your aspirations, you become morose and moody; your abilities to cope with problems appear to diminish. You need confidence that success gives you to carry on to further successes.

Your home and family ties are exceptionally strong, and you are happiest when in the midst of these you love. You are not one to be happy if living alone and when you leave for a home of your own, it should be for a home of your own day which you need have good business ability and know how to make money. Having the gift of words and an excellent speaking voice you might go far in politics, as well. You are in

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Friends can play an important part in your future plans. Business deals with elderly persons are favored.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Buying and selling property, especially real estate, can be favorably negotiated at this time.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Unexpected benefits may come to you in the midst of a day which, at first, appears upsetting.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—There may be change today. But all should be for the ultimate best, so adapt yourself efficiently.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—New friends—perhaps even a fresh romance—can bring interest into the day. Guard all business assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Be mentally alert and adapt yourself speedily to any new changes. They should all be for the better!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Concentrate on social angles for the best success. Friends and new associates are stimulating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Unsettled conditions still, so sit back patiently for a little while. Attend to routine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If planning a change of residence, this is a good day to make it. Fine for a journey, also.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't overexpand when it comes to business matters. A short trip, however, can be advantageous.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A new home may also mean new acquaintances. Make the most of them. Business details need your attention.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Stick closely to routine since today's tendency towards change may be confusing. Be patient and tactful.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"I protest," shouted counsel. "Protest away," retorted the judge, as he hurried from the court-room.

THIS account of a trial in Paris will make many people wonder why judges are usually so patient. Only one judge that I know of ever dares to allow his private opinions of the proceedings to become clear.

Who can forget the magnificent retort made by Mr. Justice Cockburn to the defending counsel in the Runcorn Anti-Steam-Laundry Society, Babs Muttongrain Intervening, "M'lud," asked counsel, "am I to take it—"

"Take what you please," replied Cockburn. "Take the whole court and burn it, for all I care."

In passing

A STATEMENT, even by a mere mother or father, of the elementary truth that "sex education" is a matter for parents, not teachers, to decide upon, cannot be entirely ignored. One way out of the difficulty would be for the Government to take over homes where there are children, and move teachers in. The parents could be re-settled somewhere where they could be unable to interfere with the bringing up of their children.

"Technique and atmosphere"

ONE of the hotel-keepers who is being trained to catch tourists has the wrong idea. "Now, said the lecturer, 'I am a Welshman arriving on a Sunday for a short holiday. How do you welcome me in the vestibule?'" The proprietor chirped his hands. A gaiter was heard. A dark gipsy girl swayed across the vestibule. She had a rose in her mouth and a dagger in her stocking, and she began to sing:

Quien es aquella que anda... "No no, no!" shouted the lecturer, "that will never do!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Interested in all that is new and original. You will not be inclined to stick to milky paths of endeavour, but will venture out the untried and unusual. This stimulates your ambitions and sharpens your interest so that you exert your best efforts on a job.

Fond of money and the power that it brings, you must curb a tendency to be a little "close" with what you have. A penny saved is indeed a penny earned. But put that same penny to work for you—and it will increase!

It is likely that you may marry more than once and find happiness in both unions although a period of unhappiness may intervene. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

TAURUS (Apr.

Chinese Throng Airport To Flee From Shanghai

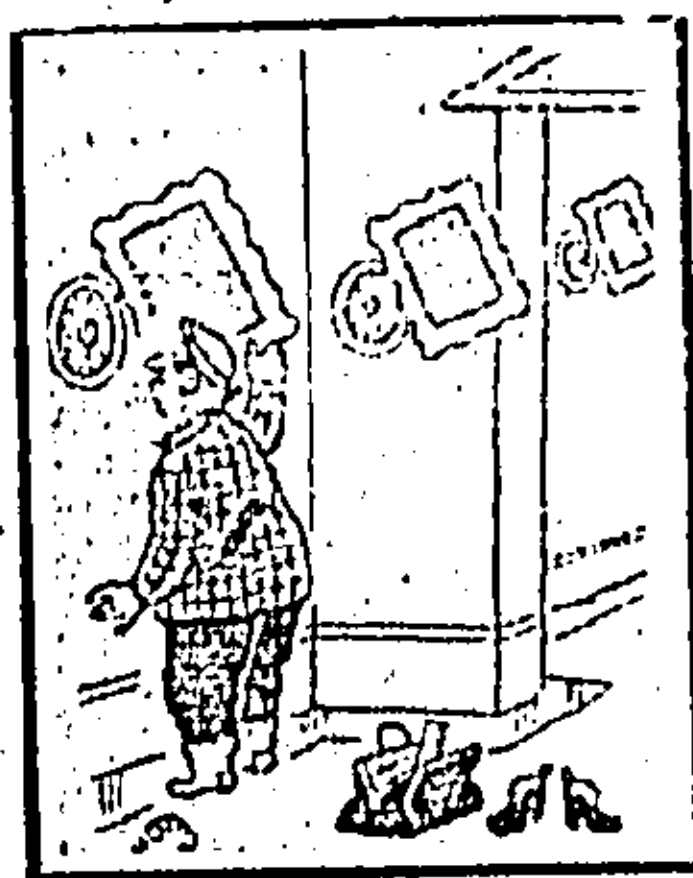
TWO RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC COURIERS ARRIVE

(Frank H. Bartholomew, United Press Vice-President for the Pacific Division, arrived in Shanghai yesterday to take charge of United Press coverage of the Chinese civil war. His first dispatch from the scene follows.)

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—I stepped off the plane at the International Airport here early this evening and found that it was thronged with wealthy Chinese awaiting air evacuation in any direction. Waiting rooms at the airport were piled high with baggage. Air traffic was unbelievably congested. Incoming planes were stacked up on the air strips.

There was no sign of any war damage around the airport. The excitement and tension among the Customs and Immigration officials reflected the Communist threat to this city of 6,000,000.

POCKET CARTOON



Rain fell from the lowering skies as one of the great cities of the world waited to be invaded.

The Chinese currency was collapsing hour by hour. American dollars were not acceptable. William J. Carthy, newspaper photographer who accompanied me from Tokyo, was held by the Customs until the Northwest Airlines paid on his behalf \$2,100,000 in Shanghai currency as duty on three rolls of film. The airline delivered the money in \$1,000 bills fastened with rubber bands—a total value of US\$15.

Half a mile from the airport on our way into Shanghai, we were stopped at a barbed wire road block. Nationalist soldiers with rifles were ready to check every article on the crowded road and every individual passenger.

4 MILES IN 2 HOURS

All Chinese were required to produce identification cards. Two hours were required to creep the four-mile distance from the airport to the city. The roads were jammed with refugees in every type of conveyance and in every condition of life.

I was told that during the day the streets in the city had been crowded with all kinds of vehicles and humanity. But this evening some semblance of normalcy had returned.

The awareness of the approaching Communist armies was reflected in the refugees huddled in the doorways of downtown buildings to ward off the rain as best as they could. The police and the city authorities were doing their best to improve the situation.

The Central Bank of China and other government organizations were operating as usual. Commodity and financial markets gave most of their attention to settling accounts left over from last week.

PRICES RESTORED

The United States dollar dropped in relation to the Gold Yuan and was averaging 300,000 Gold Yuan to US\$1. Greenbacks lost their lure for street vendors. Many shops which slashed the prices on Saturday in an effort to unload their stocks before the Communists arrived, were boosting the quotations back to normal today.

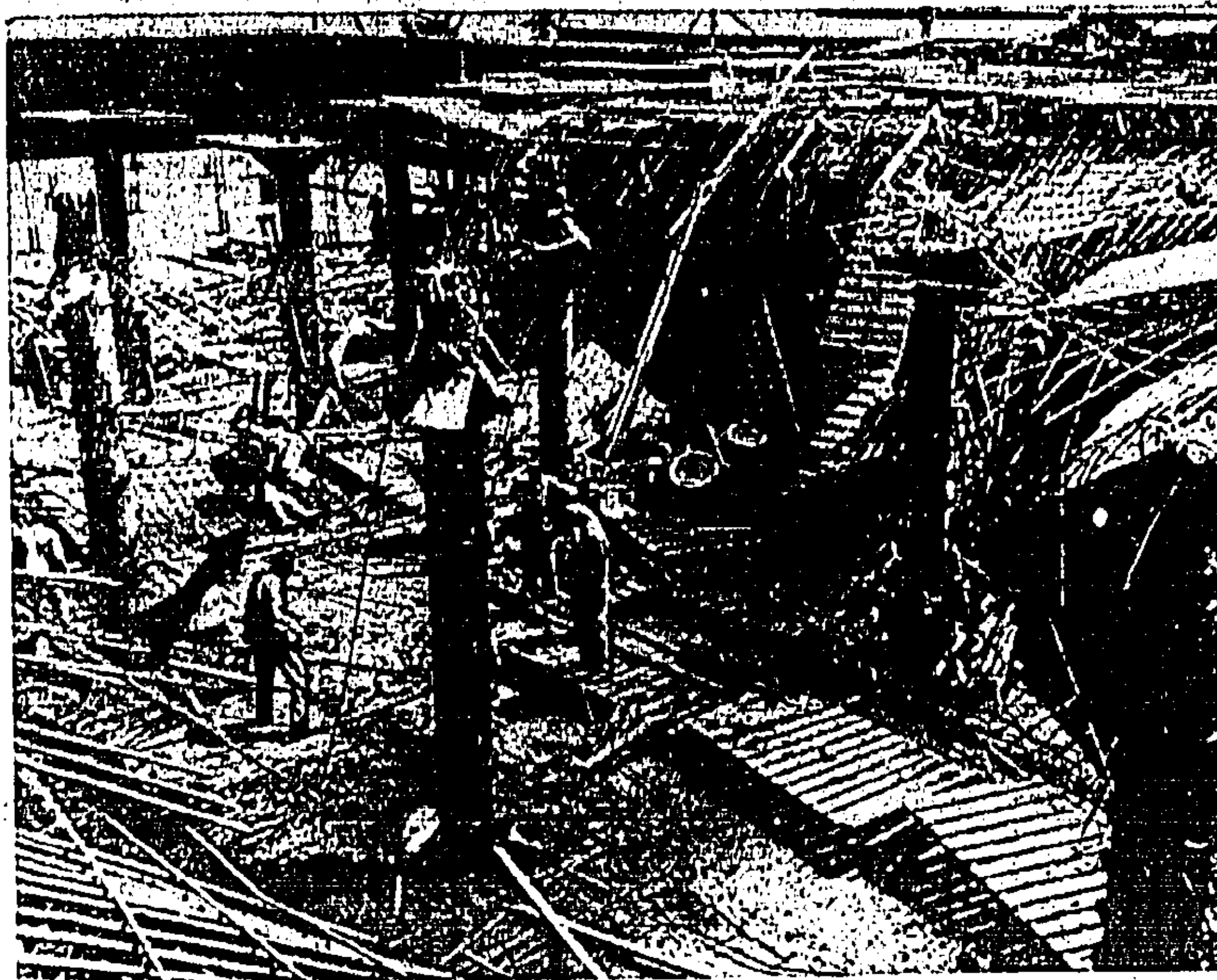
On our arrival at the airport, two "Russian" diplomatic couriers went through the Chinese Customs on diplomatic immunity. Their 35 pounds of excess baggage was passed the same way without examination. The couriers, Grigori Prokine, 42, and Ivan Titov, had described their trip as "routine." But their presence, aboard the plane and their trip to Shanghai when it seemed about to fall into Communist hands aroused considerable interest—United Press.

AIR SERVICE SUSPENDED

The Hague, Apr. 25.—The Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) announced today the suspension of their service from Batavia to Shanghai because of the unsettled situation in China. The suspension will not affect the service to Singapore and Bangkok along the same route.—Reuter.



"I always tell the truth—unless it's something serious that I wouldn't want anyone to know about."



One man was killed and nine injured when the roof of a reservoir under construction at Santa Monica, Calif., collapsed on workmen. The body of the workman killed, Robert Lacy, 65, was buried in wet concrete. Arrow at left points to injured man being treated by policeman.—AP Picture.

MacArthur Wants Information About Japanese Prisoners In Russian Hands

Tokyo, Apr. 26.—General MacArthur's diplomatic chief today demanded from Russia "all available" information concerning the deaths, disappearances and serious illness of Japanese war prisoners still in Soviet territory, pointing out that Moscow thus far has failed to furnish all such information.

The official message presented to the Soviet representative in Tokyo, Lieutenant General Kuzma N. Derevyanko, said the matter was of "grave concern to the Supreme Commander" in his implementation of the terms of surrender and the Potsdam Declaration.

The letter to General Derevyanko was signed by Mr. William J. Sebald, chairman and American member of the Allied Council for Japan. General Derevyanko represents the Soviet Union on the same body.

The letter asked General Derevyanko to seek the necessary information from the Soviet government.

It is estimated that considerably over 40,000 Japanese are still detained in Soviet-controlled areas despite continued SCAP efforts to expedite their repatriation. The completion of mass repatriation from all United States-controlled areas in the Western Pacific and the Far East was officially announced on January 8, 1947.

Mr. Sebald's letter said: "Reference is made to the discussion on the problem of repatriation at the 44th meeting of the Allied Council for Japan on October 20, 1947. Specifically your attention is invited to the remarks pertaining to appropriate information concerning the records of death, disappearance or serious illness of Japanese prisoners of war."

"It is a matter of grave concern to the Supreme Commander in his implementation of the terms of surrender and by the terms of the Potsdam Declaration that the Japanese people be kept informed concerning matter of vital importance to them such as the pertinent data mentioned above. As you are no doubt aware there has at no time been any Soviet whatsoever from the Soviet authorities concerning Japanese prisoners of war held in the Soviet Union or territories under the control of the Soviet Union, nor is it apparent from information available to the Supreme Commander that any effort is being made by the Soviet authorities to appraise the Supreme Commander as the sole executive authority for the Allied Powers in Japan."

"Such information would be of interest not only to the Japanese people and particularly to the families of the individuals concerned but it is believed also to member nations of the Far Eastern Commission charged with the formulation of policy pertaining to the occupation of Japan."

"It is therefore requested in conformity with the normal dictates of International Law that you approach your government with a view to obtaining all available information concerning vital statistics of Japanese prisoners of war with special reference to the names, units and/or last recorded place of decrease or serious illness and such other information and data as might be of interest to the families of the individuals concerned."—United Press.

Both the French and British Governments were forced, however, to move with caution by weight of opinion in their main supporting parties, the Socialists.—United Press.

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THE REFORM CLUB OF HONGKONG

THE FIFTH PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club, King's Park, Kowloon, on Thursday, 28th April, 1949, at 6 p.m.

Subject: Why Hongkong must change.

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